

STEP 1 CHECK THE BASICS

The present simple passive

1 Write A (active) or P (passive) for sentences 1–6.

- 1 She buys carrots every week for her pet rabbit. A.....
- 2 The Iberian lynx is only found in Andalusia. P.....
- 3 The animals are bred in captivity. P.....
- 4 The zookeeper feeds the baby panda. A.....
- 5 The dogs are given food twice a day. P.....
- 6 Elephants can sleep standing up. A.....

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 The experiment is done / **are done** here.
- 2 Spiders **(kill)** / are killed by their prey.
- 3 Sharks **(kill)** / are killed 10 humans every year.
- 4 Often cats injure / **are injured** when crossing the road.
- 5 The dogs **are trained** / are training to detect explosives.
- 6 The mice are giving / **are given** an injection.
- 7 The animals' movements **is monitored** / **are monitored**.
- 8 Creatures **are observed** / are observing by scientists.

STEP 2 MOVE ON

Other tenses in the passive

3 Rewrite the sentences in the active form.

- 1 The politician is being interviewed. A journalist
is interviewing the politician.



2 The cat's dish hasn't been washed. Nobody

has washed the cat's dish.

3 Are the animals kept in these cages? Do

they keep the animals in these cages?

4 This can only be explained by an expert. Only

an expert can explain this.

5 The bear has been seen on several occasions. People

have seen the bear on several occasions.

6 Experiments were carried out to test the hypothesis.

Scientists carried out experiments to test the hypothesis.

7 Is she going to be met at Nairobi airport? Is somebody

going to meet her at Nairobi airport?

8 The new building won't be finished until October. They

won't finish the new building until October.

4 Rewrite the sentences in the passive form.

1 Someone is watching us.

We are being watched (by someone).

2 They will move the animals next week.

The animals will be moved next week.

3 Why haven't you fed the cat?

Why hasn't the cat been fed?

4 Nobody has ever done that.

That has never been done (by anybody).

5 The neighbours contacted the police.

The police have been contacted (by the neighbours).

6 They were preparing the horses for the race.

The horses were being prepared for the race.

7 The Queen is going to open the zoo.

The zoo is going to be opened by the Queen.

8 A shark had attacked the surfer.

The surfer had been attacked by a shark.

Omission of the agent

5 Tick the sentences in which the agent is necessary.

Cross out the agent if it is unnecessary.

I was interrupted by the phone ringing. ✓

The car has been repaired by the mechanic.

1 The wildlife expert is going to be interviewed by the reporter. ✓

2 This animal documentary was made by Spanish television. ✓

3 This book was published by Oxford University Press. ✓

4 This ship was built fifty years ago by shipbuilders.

5 Hotel guests are requested by us to leave their rooms before 1 Lam.

6 Was this book written by Carlos Ruiz Zafón? ✓

7 When she stops playing tennis, she won't be forgotten by people.

8 The government was elected again by the voters.

have something done

6 Complete the sentences using the bold words and the causative.

She is having her house painted (house / paint) this week.



1 I'm going to a professional photographer to have my photo taken. (photo / take).

2 He took his dog to the vet to have an operation done.

3 I have the magazine delivered (magazine / deliver) to my flat every month.

4 You should go to the dentist and have your teeth checked. (teeth / check).

5 Did you have your portrait painted (portrait / paint) when you were in Florence?

6 This jacket is dirty. I need to have it cleaned. (it / clean).

7 I must have my bicycle repaired (my bicycle / repair). The brakes aren't working.

STEP 3 CONSOLIDATE

7 Identify and correct the six incorrect sentences.

The zebra was been attacked by a lion.

She has been taught a lesson

The instructions is given to everybody.

The man was questioned for the police.

Will be made a new programme soon?

He has been elected for president.

1 Listen to the birds. They are being monitored.

2 The zebra has been attacked by a lion.

3 She has been taught a lesson.

4 The instructions are given to everybody.

5 The man was questioned by the police.

6 Will a new programme be made soon?

8 Complete the text with the bold verbs in the active or passive form.



Yesterday afternoon, two animal rights protesters (1) **were arrested** by police outside a laboratory near Cambridge. The police (2) **were called** (call) by a local resident who (3) **had seen** (see) the protesters damaging cars belonging to laboratory staff. A spokesperson for the police who (4) **was interviewed** (interview) by our reporter said that the protesters were free to protest provided that they (5) **weren't breaking** (not break) the law. The two men, both students, (6) **have been charged** (charge) with damaging private property and they (7) **will appear** (appear) in court tomorrow.